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### Proposed Modifications to Pesticide Registration NOM

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**Report Highlights:**

The Secretariat of Agriculture (SAGARPA) published in the *Diario Oficial* (Federal Register), on April 8, 2014 a proposed modification to NOM-032-FITO that establishes requirements and phytosanitary specifications to prepare studies of the biological effectiveness of agricultural pesticides. Comments are due in Spanish within the next 60 calendar days after publication (June 7, 2014). NOM-032 is the NOM that guides pesticide efficacy studies in Mexico, which is a critical aspect of pesticide use registration.

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**Introduction:** This report summarizes an announcement by the Secretariat of Agriculture (SAGARPA) published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" on April 8, 2014, containing the Project of Modification that establishes requirements and phytosanitary specifications to prepare studies of the biological effectiveness of agricultural pesticides and the criteria for SAGARPA's issuance of an official opinion on efficacy.

**Disclaimer:** This summary is based on a  *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

**Title:** Project of Modification to the Official Mexican Norm [PROY-NOM-032-FITO-1995](#) that establishes requirements and phytosanitary specifications to prepare studies of the biological effectiveness of agricultural pesticides and the rendering of an official opinion.

### **Executive Summary:**

On April 8, 2014, the Secretariat of Agriculture (SAGARPA) announced the Project of Modification to the Official Mexican Norm PROY-NOM-032-FITO-1995 that establishes requirements and phytosanitary specifications to prepare studies of the biological effectiveness of agricultural pesticides and the criteria for SAGARPA's issuance of an official opinion on efficacy.

To control pests, the use of pesticides is one of the most used alternatives, making it necessary to ensure that each product be evaluated properly in order to determine with precision, its efficiency and performance in Mexico's field conditions and to assess the benefits of its use. Therefore NOM-032-FITO-1995 should respond to new technologies and other changes in order to improve the review procedures applied. Thus Proy-NOM-031 establishes the revised criteria for issuing SAGARPA's official opinion on the biological effectiveness of reviewed synthetic and biochemical, microbial, botanical, or miscellaneous pesticides. SAGARPA's official opinion in this regard is a required part of a pesticide's registration for use in Mexico. The amendment also seeks to reduce administrative procedures.

The National Advisory Committee of Standardization for Agro-food, recommended that the Project of Modification be published for public consultation so interested parties must issue comments within the next 60 calendar days after publication in the *Diario Oficial*.

Comments should be in Spanish, scientifically and technically based, and sent to:

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### **Important Dates**

1. **Publication Date:** April 8, 2014
2. **Comments Due Date :** 60 calendar days - June 7, 2014
2. **Effective Date:** 180 calendar days after official publication in the *Diario Oficial*.

### **Additional Information**

When this Project of Modification gets final approval, it will be enforced in 180 days after the official publication date, and the previous regulation published in 1997 will be cancelled.

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